Accordingly, the supply order was placed on M/s. Grover Enterprises for supply of the Family Planning equipments on the basis of the lowest quotation as recommended by the Purchase Committee set up for the purpose. Books worth Rs. 63,905.08 were purchased during the period from June, 1983 to May, 1984 by the Council for its Library from 26 firms duly recommended by the Library Committee consisting of senior technical officers of the Council.

Wheat Production

2598. SHRI T. CHANDRASHEKHAR REDDY: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total requirement of wheat in the country during the current year;

(b) what steps are being taken to make proper warehousing arrangements for storing the procured wheat; and

(c) whether Government have any plans to export wheat during the current year?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND FOOD IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): (a) The requirement of wheat for public distribution system and roller flour mills in the country as communicated by the various State Governments on month to month basis for the period from January, 1984 to August, 1984 aggregates to 10.29 million tonnes.

(b) The covered storage capacity available with the Food Corporation of India for storage of foodgrains has been augmented significantly over the years from 0.62 million tonnes in 1965-66 to 18.64 million tonnes as on 30.6.1984. It is also proposed to build an additional storage capacity. Efforts are also made by the Corporation to hire additional storage capacity from the Central Warehousing Corporation, State Warehousing Corporation and other sources to the extent required.

(c) No, Sir.

Uniform prices to Sugar-cane Growers

2599. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state whether Government propose to ensure uniform and remunerative prices to sugar-cane growers irrespective of whether they supply sugar-cane to sugar mills, khandsari or gur manufacturers which is likely to help maintain uniformity in sugar-cane production and obviate the need for importing sugar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND FOOD IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI M. S. SANJEEVI RAO): Under the Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966, the Central Government fixes the statutory minimum prices of sugar-cane payable by sugar factories only. Gur and khandsari industries like in the un-organised sector and the Central Government hardly exercises any control over them. They are not covered under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951. Whatever control exists on khandsari manufacturing units is exercised by the State Governments. Crushers manufacturing gur are too numerous even for the State Governments to exercise effective control. Prices payable by khondsari units can be fixed by the State Governments with the approval of the Central Government and the Central Government acts on their advice. For the 1983-84 season, only the Andhra Pradesh Government has fixed the prices of sugar-cane payable by khandsari units.

देश में खाद्यान्न

2600. **श्री प्यारे लाल खंडेलवाल** : क्या **खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) वर्ष 1983 के दौरान जिन्सवार खाद्यान्नों का कुल कितना उत्पादन हुआ है ;

(ख) दिसम्बर, 1983 में सरकार के पास खाद्यान्नों का कुल कितना सुरक्षित भंडार था ;

(ग) 1983 के दौरान, जिन्सवार, अन्य देशों से खाद्यान्नों का कितना आयात किया गया था ; और

(घ) 1983 के दौरान, जिन्सवार, देश में खाद्यान्नों की कितनी खपत हुई थी ?

इलैक्ट्रानिकी विभाग तथा खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्रालय में उपमंत्री (श्री एम० एस० संजीवी राव : (क) वर्ष 1983–84 (जुलाई से जून) के दौरान खाद्यान्नों का उत्पादन निम्नानुसार होने का अनुमान है :—

फसल	उत्पादन
	(लाख मीटरी टन में)
चावल . .	594.3
गेहूं . . .	449.7
मोटे अनाज . .	335.3
दालें . . .	126.8
जोड़ . .	1506.1

(ख) 1–12–1983 को खाद्यान्नों का कुल स्टाक निम्नानुसार होने का अनुमान है :—

	(लाख मीटरी टन में)
चावल .	36.9
गेहूं . .	110.9
मोटे अनाज .	0.8
जोड .	148.6

(ग) वर्ष 1983 के दौरान विदेशों से 38.1 लाख मीटरी टन गेहूं और 3 लाख मीटरी टन चावल का आयात किया गया था।

(घ) 1983 के लिए खाद्यान्नों की प्रति व्यक्ति निवल उपलब्धता प्रतिदिन 431.8 ग्राम निकाली गई है जिसमें 167.1 ग्राम चावल, 142.7 ग्राम गेहूं, 83.6 ग्राम अन्य अनाज तथा 38.4 ग्राम दालें शामिल हैं। खाद्यान्नों की निवल प्रति व्यक्ति उपलब्धता को मोटे तौर पर वर्ष 1983 के दौरान खाद्यान्नों की खपत के रूप में लिया जा सकता है।

Cholera deaths in Mirzapur

2601. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over five hundred people have died of cholera in and around Mirzapur town in Uttar Pradesh during the last fortnight; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons for the outbreak of this epidemic and the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (MISS KUMUD BEN M. JOSHI): (a) and (b) According to the information received from the Government of Uttar Pradesh, no outbreak of cholera has been reported in and around Mirzapur town in Uttar Pradesh.

Payment of wheat carriage charges to flour-Mill owners in Jammu and Kashmir

2602. SHRI GHULAM RASOOL KAR: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state: